

UNIVERSITY HILL UPDATE

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'Hillanthropy' Cleanup Day, 'Root Alley Jam' and 'Hill Music Summit' Kick Off Summer Events

More than 30 volunteers gathered at the Fox Theatre Saturday to help make the Hill Commercial Area more welcoming to visitors this summer. The rain held off long enough to repaint the metal railing on the west side of 13th street; to plant 14 pots with a mix of edible bee-friendly herbs and flowers; and to remove 'slaptag' stickers from street signs on the west side of Broadway from College Ave to Arapahoe (the northern gateway to the Hill). Thanks to all the volunteers, including staff from Hill businesses **Boulder Vapor House**, **The Fox**, **Grenadier Advertising**, **Starbucks** and **Taco Junky**.



Thanks also goes to the **University Hill Neighborhood Association (UHNA)** for raising money for the flowers, the **Boulder Girl Scouts** for decorating the flower pots, **Grenadier Advertising** for designing the t-shirts and flower pot signs; **Cheba Hut** for providing lunch; and **Spark Boulder** for hosting lunch. Shortly after the volunteers finished, Hill business **The Root** kicked off the 'Root Alley Jam.' The evening finished with an all-ages crowd enjoying the first 'Hill Music Summit' at the Fox, hosted by **Madelife**, the **City's Office of Arts + Culture** and **Z2 Entertainment**.

UHNA General Meeting Features Updates on Community Policing and the Hill Reinvestment Strategy

Hill community members gathered Thursday at **Spark Boulder** to hear about **UHNA** activities, including Saturday's cemetery cleanup and the 'Midsommer' picnic at the cemetery **June 21st**. Members of the **Boulder Police Department** gave updates on current trends and the new Community Policing in the high-density residential area of the Hill. Community members are encouraged to give feedback on current community policing efforts by taking a short online survey [HERE](#). City staff presented an update on the Hill Reinvestment Strategy, prompting a discussion of the role of the proposed CU conference center and the arts in encouraging Hill revitalization; including existing businesses and institutions acting as gathering places for the arts. The **City's Office of Arts + Culture** will dedicate \$70,000 to installing new public art (to be determined) on the Hill in 2016-17.

Open House in July: Opportunity for Community Feedback on 2A Lighting and National Register District Proposal

City staff will host an open house in July for community members to provide feedback on initial designs for the 2A-funded pedestrian lighting improvements on the Hill, as well as to learn more about the National Register district designation process for the Hill Commercial Area. Notices for the open house will be sent out in the next month.

Upcoming Meetings

May 20th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – **UHCAMC** Board Retreat (Academy, 970 Aurora)

May 21st at 9:00 a.m. – **Hill Boulder** breakfast (The Corner, 1100 13th Street)